

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) An end piece for attachment to a free end of a measuring tape, the end piece comprising an end hook with a support portion formed of a first material and a grip portion formed of a second material, wherein the grip portion embraces an end surface or edge of the support portion and the support portion provides a keying interface on which the grip portion is moulded, thereby securing the grip portion to the support portion, and ~~The end piece according to claim 1~~ wherein the keying interface comprises at least one concave formation on the support portion.
3. (Previously Presented) The end piece according to claim 2 wherein the at least one concave formation comprises a concave step or steps, dent or dimple.
4. (Previously Presented) The end piece according to claim 2 wherein the at least one concave formation is located at least on the rearward side of the support portion.

5. (Currently Amended) An end piece for attachment to a free end of a measuring tape, the end piece comprising an end hook with a support portion formed of a first material and a grip portion formed of a second material, wherein the grip portion embraces an end surface or edge of the support portion and the support portion provides a keying interface on which the grip portion is moulded, thereby securing the grip portion to the support portion, and ~~The end piece according to claim 1~~ wherein the keying interface comprises at least one channel formed in the support portion.

6. (Previously Presented) The end piece according to claim 5 wherein the channel is a hole extending from the rearward side to the forward side of the support portion.

7. (Currently Amended) The end piece according to claim 4 2 wherein the support portion comprises a surface on at least one of the rearward face and the forward face of the end hook which are not covered by the second material, the grip portion being disposed adjacent said surface or surfaces.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The end piece according to claim 4 2 wherein the grip portion is formed of a more resilient material than to the first material.

10. (Currently Amended) A measuring tape with a free end and the end piece according to claim 4 2 attached to the free end.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a the measuring tape end piece according to claim 4 2, the method comprising: providing a support portion of an end hook, the support portion being formed of a first material and having a keying surface; and moulding a grip portion, formed of a second material, onto the keying surface, thereby to secure the grip portion to the support portion, the grip portion embracing an end surface or edge of the support portion.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11 wherein the support portion is formed in a first moulding step and the grip portion is then formed in a second moulding step.

13. (Currently Amended) The end piece according to claim 4 2, further comprising a connection portion, wherein the end hook projects at approximately a right angle from the connection portion.

14. (Currently Amended) An end piece for attachment to a free end of a measuring tape, the end piece comprising an end hook with a support portion formed of a first material and a grip portion formed of a second material, wherein the grip portion embraces an end surface or edge of the support portion and the support portion provides a keying interface on which the grip portion is moulded, thereby securing the grip portion to the support portion, and ~~The end piece according to~~

~~claim 1~~, wherein the end hook comprises a forward face and a rearward face, at least a portion of the forward and rearward faces formed from the first material, and at least a portion of the forward and rearward faces formed from the second material.

15. (Previously Presented) The end piece according to claim 14, wherein the forward and rearward faces of the end hook are substantially flat.

16. (Currently Amended) A measuring tape comprising:
a measuring blade comprising a free end; and
the end piece according to claim ~~1~~ 2, fixedly attached to the free end of the measuring blade.